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**Identical letters dated 20 April 2017 from the Permanent
Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General and the President of the
Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of March 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the identical letters dated 20 April 2017 from the
Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary General and the President of the
Security Council**

Land violations committed during March 2017

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Nature of violation</i>
1 March	0930	A number of townspeople headed toward the outskirts of the town of Mays al-Jabal in the Kurum al-Shirazi area, opposite points B64-1 and B65, to ensure that the Israeli enemy had removed certain devices (a camera, a solar panel and a microwave link network) that had been installed there previously. From the enemy side, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles approached. Five soldiers disembarked and threw a smoke bomb in the direction of the townspeople, which landed between the technical fence and the Blue Line. At 1000 hours, the people left and the enemy patrol returned into occupied territory.
	1830	From its position opposite Labbunah-Jall al-Alam, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight in the direction of Lebanese territory.
	1845	
2 March	2030	From its position opposite Labbunah-Jall al-Alam, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight in the direction of Lebanese territory.
	2145	
6 March	2155	From its position opposite Labbunah-Jall al-Alam, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight in the direction of a Humvee vehicle belonging to the Lebanese Army while it was moving from the Ra's al-Naqurah position to the Labbunah position.
26 March	2240	From inside occupied territory, opposite Sahl al-Khiyam, a 10-vehicle Israeli enemy patrol approached. Five soldiers disembarked, inspected the technical fence and directed a searchlight in the direction of Lebanese territory. The vehicles and soldiers departed at 2310 hours into occupied territory.
27 March	1000	From inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, from its position at the Zabdin post, the Israeli enemy hurled two smoke bombs at the surrounding area.
	2148	From inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy launched six flares over the Radar position.
	2158	
28 March	0800	From inside occupied territory, opposite the Sahl al-Khiyam highway and near crossing point B90, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Defender vehicles and two bulldozers approached. Twelve soldiers disembarked and trained their weapons on Lebanese territory. The bulldozers cleared the road adjacent to the technical fence. At 1230 hours, the work finished and the soldiers departed, leaving the bulldozers in place.

Sea violations committed in March 2017

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Nature of violation</i>
5 March	1225	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy rubber military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) of 1 October 2011, proceeding some 100 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a fifteen-minute period and releasing two divers. The launch and divers then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Nature of violation</i>
	1225	An Israeli military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 15-minute period and proceeded on its way for some 100 metres. At 1240 hours, it moved in the direction of buoys Nos. 3 and 4 and breached that line for a 39-minute period. It then proceeded some 370 metres and released two divers inside Lebanese territorial waters, before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
6 March	2120 2128	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, the crew of an Israeli enemy military launch fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire and tracer rounds in the direction of Lebanese territorial waters. Some rounds violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011).
7 March	0435	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy military launch fired weapons and directed a searchlight for a five-minute period in the direction of Lebanese territorial waters.
	0450 0500	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters and at a Lebanese fishing boat multiple times, for one minute each time.
	0607	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 315 metres into Lebanese territorial waters. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1555	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) for a one-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 260 metres into Lebanese territorial waters. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
9 March	0740	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a seven-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 590 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
9 March	0815	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 33-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 200 metres. The launch then left occupied Palestinian territorial waters, and returned at 0850 hours. It breached the above-mentioned line for an eight-minute period, proceeding on its way for some 560 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0825	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a period of one hour and five minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 650 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0850	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for an eight-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 560 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

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	0908	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 22-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 560 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1507	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 200 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1617	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a one-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 200 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
15 March	1910	An Israeli enemy military launch released divers into Palestinian territorial waters. The vessel's crew spoke in Hebrew on a loudspeaker and directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for a one-minute period. At 1930 hours, the launch left in the direction of occupied Palestinian waters.
19 March	1638	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 300 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
22 March	1120	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 24-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 150 metres into Lebanese territorial waters. The launch then departed into occupied Palestinian territorial waters. At 1133 hours, the launch returned and breached the boundary for 28-minute period, proceeding on its way for some 370 metres into Lebanese territorial waters, where it released divers who removed the third buoy. It then departed into occupied Palestinian territorial waters. At 1232 hours, it returned and violated the boundary again for a 44-minute period, proceeding some 315 metres into Lebanese territorial waters. It then departed into occupied Palestinian territorial waters. At 1256 hours, it returned and violated the boundary for a 20-minute period, proceeding on its way for some 315 metres into Lebanese territorial waters. It released divers, who reinstalled the third buoy in its previous location. The launch and divers then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian waters.
	1434	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 26-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 200 metres into Lebanese territorial waters. The launch then departed into occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1437	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 33-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 370 metres into Lebanese territorial waters. The launch then departed into occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
24 March	0610	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, from inside occupied Palestinian waters, the crew of an Israeli enemy military launch shouted obscenities at Lebanese fishermen inside Lebanese territorial waters. The launch also sounded warning sirens next to the first buoy.
25 March	2340	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight from its Ra's al-Naqurah position towards Lebanese territorial waters for a five-minute period.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Nature of violation</i>
26 March	1811	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a one-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 150 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
29 March	0312	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) for a seven-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 335 metres. It directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for a one-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0337	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) for a nine-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 408 metres. It directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for a period of two minutes. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0410	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy military launch fired five rounds in the air and directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for a period of five minutes.
	0411	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) for a nine-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 445 metres. A crew member released an explosive charge from the launch into Lebanese territorial waters. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0506	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a six-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 390 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1056	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 31-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 371 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Air violations committed in March 2017

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Nature of violation</i>
2 March	0955	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1140 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1425	Four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Shikka. They left Lebanese airspace at 1435 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1435	Four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Shikka. They left Lebanese airspace at 1445 hours over Rumaysh.
4 March	0600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled above the Shuf, Iqlim al-Kharrub, the South, the Western Bekaa, Riyah and Zahlah before leaving at 1900 hours over Kafr Killa.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Nature of violation</i>
5 March	0720	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1345 hours over Rumaysh.
6 March	0800	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 1415 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1000	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1255 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1005	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Naqurah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1135 hours over Naqurah.
	1010	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1600 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1035	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Na'imah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1205 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	1150	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1330 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	2020	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 2035 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
7 March	1105	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1940 hours over Rumaysh.
8 March	0750	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1600 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0805	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1300 hours over Rumaysh.
9 March	0945	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Ba'abda, Beirut and its suburbs and the South before leaving at 2025 hours over Rumaysh.
14 March	0740	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Ba'abda, Beirut and its suburbs, the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1630 hours over Kafr Killa.
	2040	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Shikka. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 2055 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
17 March	0234	Four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace at low altitude, entering over the South before leaving in the direction of occupied territory.
21 March	2045	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and the South before leaving at 0050 hours on 22 March 2017 over Naqurah.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Nature of violation</i>
23 March	2035	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 2305 hours over Rumaysh.
24 March	1120	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 1600 hours over Rumaysh.
25 March	0730	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1400 hours over Rumaysh.
	1700	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South, Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 0730 hours on 26 March 2017 over Naqurah.
26 March	0720	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1235 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	0840	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs, Kasrawan, Matn and Ba'abda before leaving at 1500 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0905	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1520 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1130	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 1930 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1920	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 0015 hours on 27 March over Rumaysh.
27 March	0530	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and Ba'abda before leaving at 1740 hours over Naqurah.
	0725	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1410 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1045	Two Israeli enemy helicopters violated Lebanese airspace. They circled over the occupied Shab'a Farms before leaving at 1100 hours in the direction of occupied territory.
	1100	
28 March	0430	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf, Iqlim al-Kharrub, Beirut and its suburbs and Ba'abda before leaving at 1200 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0500	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1800 hours over Rumaysh.
	0950	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Matn and Ba'abda before leaving at 1500 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1910	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 0700 hours on 29 March over Rumaysh.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Nature of violation</i>
29 March	0725	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1850 hours over Naqurah.
	1515	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 2320 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	2145	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 0530 hours on 30 March over Alma al-Sha'b.
31 March	1415	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 2050 hours over Naqurah.